GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Adventure Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in adventure tourism in the country;
(b) if so, the number of tourists taking up adventure tourism in the country during the last three years;
(c) the details of the schemes for developing adventure tourism in the Himalyan region;
(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a new Himalyan Tourism Board; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): The number of Domestic Tourists Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs), including the tourists visiting for adventure purpose, to different States/Union Territories (UTs) during 2015 have registered a positive growth of 11.6% and 4.4%, respectively. Ministry of Tourism does not compile the data of adventure tourists separately.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the year 2014-15 to develop theme-based tourist circuits. The Ministry has identified thirteen thematic circuits for development under the scheme namely North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit. All the State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to submit proposals as per scheme guidelines under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

(d): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

(e): Does not arise.

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